

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to yield my time to Senator Chambers, please.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, being a past and effective master of what Senator Bernard-Stevens would like to do to this bill, were the bill mine and if I had a sense or interest in getting this bill across the board, having observed the strong support that it has, having observed the rejection of other harassing type amendments, I would not get heartburn, I would not get palpitations. If my palms are wet, I would dry them and let them become wet no more and just let those who want to do what Senator Bernard-Stevens is doing do it, because that can be done under the rules. But I have made the comments that I intend to make in support of the bill and I'm not going to comment on it any more, but I'm going to strongly support it. If the rest of the afternoon is talked away, that will play into my hands because there is a bad bill on there that I intend to kill, stone-dead, one way or the other. So if you all want to engage Senator Bernard-Stevens in a lot of back and forth, you will really only hurt Senator Cudaback's bill. He has accepted all reasonable amendments. Senator Witek added one which is going to get us some information, have a form put together by the Secretary of State's Office, so I think what's being offered now is primarily an expression of opposition and it is a legitimate tactic, but you don't have to rise to the bait. I don't want to see Senator Bernard-Stevens singing his swan song, be able to draw you all into the vortex of this thing in the way that I can do. So, in a sense, I'm trying to preserve my territory, but, Senator Cudaback, I believe you have a very good bill and I don't know what else needs to be said in support of it so my failure to speak does not indicate a lack of support. I think the bill is so strong and has such merit and that the members have made up their mind that there's no need in me commenting on these various amendments that will harass the bill and that's about all.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Robak. I believe she's not here. Senator Cudaback.